

### REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Advisory Action dated October 6, 2006, in which the Examiner refused to enter the proposed amendments and maintained the rejection.

Because the Examiner continues maintain the rejection despite its apparent fallacy, and because Applicant is no longer able to expend resources on this application, Applicant has elected to place the case in condition for allowance. Applicant does not concede any similarity between the present application and the references cited by the Examiner.

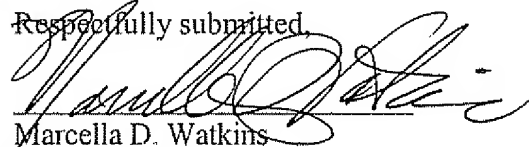
Claims 1-3 and 11-13 have been canceled and the balance of the claims are allowed or have been amended to depend from an allowed claim.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has completely failed in his duties with respect to the present case, inasmuch as he has consistently misconstrued and/or misrepresented the cited art and steadfastly refused to address the applicant's assertions regarding the same. The sole reason that the Applicant is not appealing this case is lack of funds.

### Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present amendments place the claims in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and reconsider and withdraw the rejections. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (713) 238-8043.

Respectfully submitted,



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